

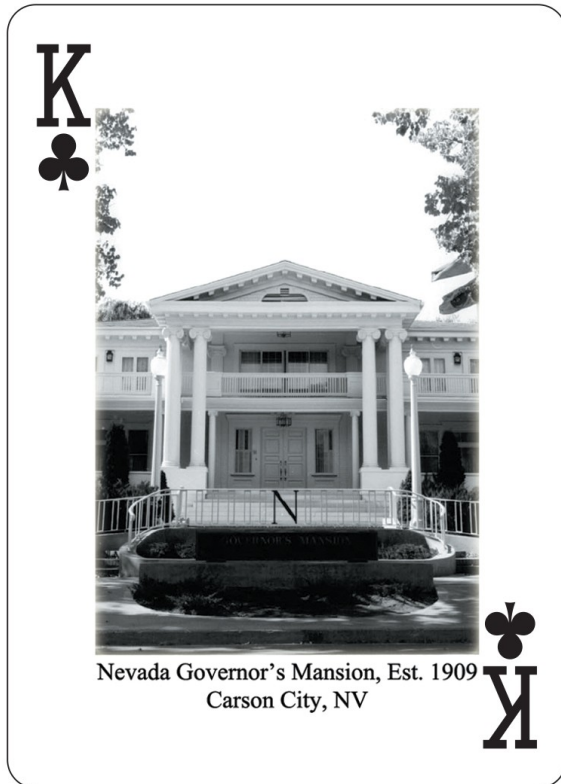
Nevada Governor's Mansion

National Register Site

Nevada was proclaimed a territory in 1861, and a state in 1864, but the Governor's Mansion was not built until more than 40 years later between 1908 and 1909. Until that time, Nevada's governors and their families found lodging where they could. State Assembly Bill 10, the "Mansion Bill," was passed in 1907 to secure a permanent site and residence for Nevada's First Families.

The land where the mansion stands was generously offered by Mrs. T.B. Rickey for the sum of \$10. Reno architect George A. Ferris designed the mansion and the construction bid was awarded at \$22,700. The mansion was first occupied in July 1909 by Acting Governor Denver Dickerson and his family, and first opened to the public during an open house on New Years' Day, 1910. The governor's daughter, June Dickerson, was born in the mansion in September 1909, and was the only child ever born in the home.

The commanding Classical Revival building features Georgian and Jeffersonian motifs, first seen in the central placement of the main entry. On the interior, the first floor contains the grand entry hall, the reception room, a formal dining room, the governor's study, luncheon room and the kitchen. The upstairs contains the private living quarters for the governor's family. The mansion was structurally rehabilitated and redecorated from 1967 to 1968. The circular pergola and curved front stairs with metal balustrades were added in 1969. Additional buildings were added to the grounds in 1998. This photo was taken on Oct 23rd 1975 after the completion of the additions.



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